

ADP Organization + management

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

SUBJECT : Agency Automatic Data Processing

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1. [REDACTED] submitted a memorandum to the Executive Director on 25 May 1970 when he relinquished his post as Chairman of the Information Processing Board. In that memorandum there were several comments which will be of interest to the Office of Security, one of which is paragraph 5, which I will quote below, and a list of problem areas for the Information Processing Board, a copy of which is attached.

"5. I have already outlined in earlier documents and briefings the main problems I think we confront in the ADP field. A brief summary of these problems is attached as Tab A. Among the larger issues are the ones of security (how to insure that we keep our security provisos realistic and do not incur needless expense in a fruitless chase after total security and single-purpose computers); Community arrangement (how to insure that the Agency plays a constructive and innovative role in evolving Community ADP relationships beyond COINS into something worthwhile); the next generation of ADP acquisitions (should these be more bigger and faster machines or small individualized pieces?); and development of an ADP plan (complete with trends, thoughts, goals, objectives, and actions for each component). All of these are difficult to deal with. Perhaps the most important of these at this stage of the game is the need to develop an Agency ADP plan. We are in high need of an agreed backdrop against which to compare individual ADP proposals."

2. I ask that you give special attention to qualifications and experience of your Security staff that is dealing with ADP application and passing Security

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judgments thereon. I am sure they are highly competent but in this expensive program I feel that they should be experts. As I think you can visualize, the Security judgments may have effects that can be extremely costly in the form of dollars and may be restrictive on the accelerated development of our program. If the Security dangers are valid then, of course, Security control measures must be invoked. On the other hand, Security controls must be balanced through discretion, judgment and overall impact based upon expert knowledge in the computer field which would permit reasonable adaptations and preventive measures. If these officers in your judgment do not have sufficient in-depth knowledge I recommend that you have them take the necessary courses inside the Agency, the Government or academic institutions necessary to bring their knowledge of this field up to a high level. Recognition of their expert qualifications by the various officials working in the ADP field will go a long way towards assuring that the voice of Security is heard and acknowledged on grounds of expert judgment.

SIGNED R. L. Bannerman
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Deputy Director
for Support
SIGNED R. L. Bannerman

Att: Problem Areas for the IPB

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